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Major Leadership Positions Filled UConn Administrator to Direct Student Affairs

H. Samuel Miller Jr., associate vice president for student affairs at the University of Connecticut, has been selected as the next vice chancellor for student affairs at Western Carolina University.

Miller's appointment, which will be effective Aug. 1 pending approval of the university's board of trustees, was announced by WCU Chancellor John Bardo following a nationwide search that began in December. A member of the student affairs division at Connecticut since 1999, Miller will be filling a vacancy created by the retirement this summer of Robert Caruso, vice chancellor for student affairs at WCU since 1998.

"As a nationally known figure in higher education administration with 37 years of experience in leading

innovative programs to serve students and promote their growth and development as citizens, Bob Caruso leaves behind some mighty big shoes to fill," said Bardo. "Sam Miller has a reputation as one of the brightest young professionals in the student affairs field, and we know he will hit the ground running and continue to build upon the extremely solid foundation he will find in the Division of Student Affairs at Western."

As associate vice president for student affairs at UConn, Miller supervises the Department of Residential Life, which provides on-campus housing to about 12,000 students; the Department of Dining Services, which has an annual operating budget of \$35.7 million; and The Center for Students with Disabilities, which works with some 1,200 students annually. He is co-director of the university's master's degree program in higher education and student affairs, and he previously served as assistant vice chancellor for student affairs and interim director of campus activities.

"I'm very excited to be joining the Western Carolina University family," Miller said. "Given the strength of the staff in the Student Affairs Division and the successful partnerships with academic colleagues, I believe Western has tremendous potential to continue developing the kinds of transformative learning experiences that positively impact every aspect of student life. I'm looking forward to working with local community members, and faculty and staff colleagues, and I'm especially looking forward to meeting Western's students and their families. This is a dynamic period in Western's history and I'm proud to be a new member of this campus community."

During his career, Miller also has held student affairs positions at the University of Virginia and the University of Alabama. He earned his bachelor's degree in human resources management in 1987 and his master's degree in business administration in 1989, both from the University of Alabama, and his doctorate in education from the University of Virginia.

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Founding Dean of Health and Human Sciences Excited About Partnerships, Building Plans

Linda Seestedt-Stanford, assistant dean of the Herbert H. and Grace A. Dow College of Health Professions at Central Michigan University, has been named founding dean of the College of Health and Human Sciences, effective July 1.

Assistant dean for the College of Health Professions at Central Michigan since 1998, Seestedt-Stanford served as acting dean of the college during the summer of 2002. She also was director of audiology clinical instruction and services in the department of communication disorders at CMU from 1977 until 1998.

“Linda Seestedt-Stanford is coming to Western at a pivotal time in the university’s development,” Provost Kyle Carter said. “She will be leading a college that is preparing larger numbers of students for careers in critical health-care fields and a college that is providing valuable health services to clients across Western North Carolina. She also will play a leadership role in expanding Western’s

health and human services partnerships, as well as the planning and oversight for a new building for the college.”

Western is seeking construction funding for a \$46 million, 145,000-square-foot School of Health and Gerontological Sciences that would be built on Millennial Initiative property adjacent to the main campus. The facility, which received planning money from the General Assembly during a previous state funding cycle, would be the anchor for a planned neighborhood of facilities and programs focusing on retirement, aging and health.

“Western Carolina is well positioned to become a recognized leader in health-care education, and I am eager and prepared to support our new College of Health and Human Sciences by building on a tradition of excellence,” Seestedt-Stanford said. “I can confidently say that the next three to five years will be some of the most exciting and challenging times for the college. The new

health building can provide us with a tool to positively affect teaching and learning at this institution. It can offer us a chance to think differently and potentially impact the health of our local citizens. Having a college focused on health and human sciences should support increased interdisciplinary research and promote innovative programming.”

While a member of the faculty at Central Michigan, Seestedt-Stanford also worked for more than 20 years in private health care practice in Mount Pleasant, Mich. She earned her bachelor’s degree in communication disorders in 1973 and her master’s degree in audiology in 1974, both from Central Michigan, and her doctorate in higher, adult and lifelong education from Michigan State University in 2006.

—By BILL STUDENC



Linda Seestedt-Stanford



Ronald A. Johnson

Next Business College Dean is Experienced Educator, Business Professional from Texas Southern University

Ronald A. Johnson, who holds the JP Morgan Chase Chair in Finance in the Jesse H. Jones School of Business at Texas

Southern University, is the next dean of the College of Business at Western Carolina University.

Johnson will be taking over the reins from Leroy Kauffman, dean of the College of Business since 2003. A resident of Clyde, Kauffman is stepping down from the deanship July 1 to return to the faculty.

At Texas Southern, Johnson developed a new concentration in finance focused on quantitative skills, advanced practical knowledge, and professional proficiency in financial analysis with an emphasis on the energy sector. Prior to joining the faculty at Texas Southern in 2005, he was president and chief investment officer at Smith Graham & Co. in Houston.

Johnson has served as chief strategist and head of research for Americas Trust Bank in Miami, division chief of domestic financial markets for the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, and director of global fixed income research and senior portfolio manager for Templeton Worldwide Inc. in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. He taught at Florida A&M University, Northeastern University in Boston

and Howard University in Washington, D.C., and was an economist for the International Monetary Fund and the Federal Reserve System board of governors.

“Ronald Johnson has a strong background that blends knowledge and experience from the business sector—including top investment and securities firms, and national and international economic agencies—with a familiarity with the academic environment,” Provost Kyle Carter said. “Ron will be a valuable asset to the university as we continue our efforts to serve as an economic and entrepreneurial engine for the region. He will be called upon to build and strengthen relationships with business and industry partners at the local, regional and national levels.”

A native of Brooklyn, N.Y., Johnson earned his doctoral and master’s degrees in economics from Stanford University, and

his master’s degree in finance and bachelor’s degree in economics from Adelphi University in Garden City, N.Y.

“As an educator and business professional, I am excited about the opportunity to lead WCU’s College of Business,” Johnson said. “I am looking forward to working with the university leadership, faculty, staff and students, and the greater business community to enhance the relevance of the business school. Our mission is fulfilled by offering students a welcoming, vibrant community, an accessible and talented faculty, and a personalized educational experience. In addition to our role of educating tomorrow’s business leaders, the College of Business will be at the forefront of supporting community and economic development across the region.”

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Celebrate Service at SPA Luncheon

The annual SPA Service Awards Luncheon and Program will be held in the Grandroom of A.K. Hinds University Center at noon Wednesday, June 27.

The program honors employees with service in increments of five years and retirees from the past fiscal year.

Reservations can be made for guests

of honorees and others who wish to attend by contacting Linda Haney in person, by phone at 227-3139, or via email at lhaney@wcu.edu by Monday, June 11.

Lunch costs \$5, which can be paid in cash or a check made payable to WCU at the Office of Human Resources, 220 H.F. Robinson Building.

New Arts and Sciences Dean Hails from Western Michigan

Wendy S. Zabava Ford, executive associate dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Western Michigan University, will become dean of Western's newly reconfigured College of Arts and Sciences on July 1.

Ford, who has been an administrator and faculty member at Western Michigan since 1993, will be assuming leadership of Western's largest college.

The changes are part of a major reorganization of the university's academic structure that becomes effective July 1. Robert Kehrberg, who has been serving as interim dean of the College of Arts and Sciences since 2005, was recently appointed founding dean of the College of Fine and Performing Arts. The new college houses academic programs in the arts that were formerly part of the College of Arts and Sciences.

"We have searched for a dynamic leader who understands the complexities of managing a college of the arts and sciences, which is home to faculty members with a wide range of disparate academic interests," Provost Kyle Carter said. "We have searched for an excellent communicator with the ability to represent the diversity of people, programs and disciplines within the arts and sciences. We have found just that person in Wendy Ford."

Executive associate dean of the WMU College of Arts and Sciences since August 2004, Ford previously served as associate dean of the college. As a member of the faculty in the Western Michigan department of communication, she was director of the university's Communication Research

Center and chair of the interpersonal and organizational communication area.

"The next several years promise to be among the most exciting in the history of the College of Arts and Sciences," Ford said. "As WCU continues to grow in size and stature, the college is well positioned to develop a distinctive identity. This identity will be centered on programming that is innovative and responsive to regional and national needs, and that fosters interdisciplinary connections and community engagement."

Faculty members from the college also will play an increasingly important role in ensuring high-quality courses to support students in WCU's growing professional programs, including foundational courses for preparing teachers, health-care practitioners, engineers and business professionals, she said.

Prior to joining WMU, Ford was assistant professor of organizational communication at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and taught as a graduate assistant at the University of Maryland. Ford earned her doctorate in speech communication in 1992 and her master's degree in speech communication in 1989, both from the University of Maryland, and her bachelor's degree in speech communication in 1986 from the University of Texas.

—By BILL STUDENC



Wendy S. Zabava Ford



Josie Bewsey, daughter of H.F. and Katherine P. Robinson, congratulates Sean O'Connell, assistant professor of biology.

Sean O'Connell Receives Robinson Professorship

Sean O'Connell, assistant professor of biology, is recipient of the university's H.F. and Katherine P. Robinson Professorship.

The professorship is named in honor of the late H.F. Robinson, chancellor at Western from 1974 until 1984 and a world-renowned scientist and plant geneticist, and his wife. It includes a three-year salary supplement.

O'Connell, a WCU faculty member since 2001, guides students conducting molecular biological research and searching for new bacterial species in Great Smoky Mountains National Park. Working with 160 students he calls the "Microbe Hunters," he has discovered more than 385 bacterial species in the park's streams, fields, forests and caves. The work is part of the All Taxa Biodiversity Inventory, an effort to catalogue all forms of life in the park.

O'Connell and his students also are conducting research in the new field of forensic microbiology—an evolving crime investigation method that uses bacteria to determine how long a body has been decomposing. He and a colleague at Warren Wilson College recently received a grant of \$62,010 from the N.C. Biotechnology Center to enhance undergraduate research at both campuses.

A native of Connecticut, O'Connell earned his doctorate in microbiology at Idaho State University and his bachelor's degree in biology at Johnson State College in Vermont.

"Dr. O'Connell is an outstanding teacher and researcher, with wonderful rapport with students," said Malcolm Powell, head of WCU's biology department. "He is the perfect recipient for a professorship honoring former Chancellor Robinson, who enjoyed a long career as a scientist before becoming a university administrator."

—By BILL STUDENC



WCU THANKS RETIREES AT SPRING EVENT

Members of the Western Carolina University community came together at a special luncheon earlier this spring to recognize EPA employees who are retiring or entering phased retirement this year. Honorees included, from left, Robert Caruso, vice chancellor for student affairs (retired); Richard Boyer, professor of English (phased); James Lewis, head of the history department (phased); James Thompson, professor of art and design (phased); Stephen Owens, associate professor of management, international business, and hospitality and tourism (phased); Tyler Blethen, professor of history

(phased); and Robert Holquist, professor of music (phased.) Retirees who were recognized but did not attend were Wesley Bonds, assistant professor of chemistry and physics; James Carland, professor of accountancy, finance and entrepreneurship; Joann Carland, professor of accountancy, finance and entrepreneurship; Lorna Dorr, assistant professor at Hunter Library; Gayle Moller, associate professor of educational leadership and foundations; John Moore, associate professor of communication, theatre and dance; and Lillian Pearson, associate professor of music.

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Mark Holliday, professor of computer science

Computer Science Professor Supports Scholarship Started by Former Student

When Mark Holliday, professor of computer science, pondered how to participate in The Campaign for Western, his thoughts turned to John Proffitt, one of his first students at Western.

Proffitt, who graduated from WCU magna cum laude and works as a software developer, started a scholarship fund two years ago called "Proffitt's Pecuniary Propitiousness Protocol" to benefit computer science students.

"I thought it was wonderful that John wanted to help future students at Western," said Holliday. "My contribution to his scholarship fund through The Campaign for Western is in appreciation of John and in support of our computer science students. There is a great deal of demand for our program's graduates and software developers. Many go into industry directly or to graduate school."

Proffitt's endowed fund generates an annual approximately \$500 scholarship for rising juniors and seniors who are promising and deserving computer science students, with preference given to students from Western North Carolina.

Holliday said Proffitt has met the scholarship recipients, including presenting the award to the first recipient, James Ruff of Waynesville, and keeps up-to-date with developments at the university.

Proffitt's ties to Cullowhee go beyond his college years,

when his father was principal and he was a student in the McKee Laboratory School, which is now known as the McKee Building.

"There are lots of things that make WCU special to me," said Proffitt. "I vividly remember attending football games in a stadium located under Buzzards Roost behind what is now Stillwell Science Building. At that time the area of campus across the road from Reid Gymnasium was a cow pasture. I remember my aunt warning me not to go over there, because I might get chased by the bull!"

Proffitt said those memories were still with him when he returned to Cullowhee as a transfer student in 1992.

"My experience as a student was gratifying in that most of my core classes were quite small," said Proffitt.

During the annual mathematics and computer science awards banquet, he noticed math professors had scholarships to award, "but the computer science faculty had none," he said. "Some years later I was motivated to address that deficiency by creating a scholarship for computer science students."

Guiding the effort was the example of his mother, Juanita Proffitt, who endowed a scholarship in the field of education to honor his father, Brank Proffitt. His parents are long-time supporters of Western.

"I am moved by the ongoing commitment of John and his family to help students," Holliday said.

Check out campaign.wcu.edu or contact Brett Woods at (828) 227-7124 or bwoods@wcu.edu for information about how to support The Campaign for Western.

—By TERESA KILLIAN

Campaign Update

Contributions and pledges from faculty and staff and retired faculty and staff total more than \$330,000. More information about campaign gifts will be featured in the July 9 edition of The Reporter.

Donation to University's NCW Disc Golf Club Supports Fun, Fitness and Green Space on Campus

Each week, Western's Catamount Links disc golf course hosts an estimated 200 rounds of play, and students ask when another nine holes will be built.

"The response to the new disc golf course has been unbelievable," said Justin Menickelli, director of the graduate program in physical education. "I knew it would be popular, but I did not know it would be this popular."

Menickelli helped spearhead an effort to propose development and then design a course at Western. The tees and baskets were installed less than a year ago.

"I just wanted to help create something for students to do on campus," said Menickelli. "The actual use has exceeded my expectations by a landslide."

Through The Campaign for Western, Menickelli has launched a new fund designed to help maintain the course and safeguard green space on campus. The fund supports the 80-member Catamount Disc

Golf Club, a student-run organization devoted to nurturing the sport and community of disc golf, improving the disc golf facilities at Western and encouraging responsible use of green space on campus.

Menickelli urges people who want to know that even small amounts given to the campaign, even just \$5, would go a long way if directed to the new fund.

Unlike traditional golf courses that require significant maintenance, disc golf courses incorporate the natural landscape into the game. Trees and shrubs serve as obstacles for players as they toss discs from tees to metal baskets about four feet high. The goal is to finish with as few shots as possible.

With support from Debby Schwartz, director of intramural sports, Menickelli and Chris Tuten, a health and human performance instructor, worked with a Professional Disc Golf Association designer to create Catamount Links.

The par-3 course, which features holes ranging from 151 to 420 feet, begins at the band practice field behind Reid Gymnasium, winds around an old golf driving range, utilizes the fields near Norton Road Residence Hall, and ends across from Scott Residence Hall.

The rolling character offers moderate-intensity exercise that can be enjoyed by people of all ages and fitness levels. In fact, Menickelli has seen families there playing together.

"We did it for the students, and they love it," Menickelli said. "It has been an incredible project."

To support The Campaign for Western, check out campaign.wcu.edu or contact Brett Woods at (828) 227-7124 or bwoods@wcu.edu. To read about the course or print a map and score card, check out http://www.ceap.wcu.edu/menickelli/CATAMOUNT_LINKS.htm

—By TERESA KILLIAN



Make Your Gifts Online

Gifts to The Campaign for Western can now be made online from a credit or checking account.

A secure online giving form can be accessed through the Web site campaign.wcu.edu by clicking on the "Give Now" link at left. The form enables contributors to make a one-time gift or set up a recurring donation.

To set up gifts through payroll deduction, staff and faculty will need to complete a printed pledge form. Copies of the form can be printed from the campaign Web site.

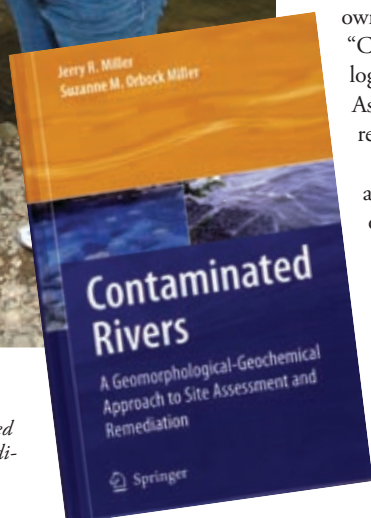
For more information or assistance, contact Brett Woods, campus campaign director, at (828) 227-7124 or bwoods@wcu.edu.

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Justin Menickelli, director of the graduate program in physical education, plays disc golf at the Catamount Links course on campus.



Jerry Miller and Suzanne Orbock Miller co-authored book about remediating rivers.



Professor-and-Wife Team Author Book about River Remediation

The majority of collegiate textbooks about river contamination lacked all of the information for assessing water quality that Jerry Miller, the Blanton J. Whitmire Distinguished Professor in Environmental Science, wanted his students to have.

So Miller and his wife, Suzanne Orbock Miller, decided to take matters into their own hands as they began writing the book “Contaminated Rivers: A Geomorphological-Geochemical Approach to Site Assessment and Remediation,” which was recently published by Springer.

“Most books on contamination focus almost exclusively on the chemistry of contaminants in water, but there are physical aspects of contamination that also should be examined,” said Miller. “Contaminants such as lead or mercury, for instance, are primarily found attached to sediment. They can be distributed downstream through physical processes.”

The book incorporates information about contamination linked to physical processes in the strategies and programs identified to cost-effectively characterize, assess and remediate contaminated river systems.

The content draws from Miller’s expertise and experience with contaminated rivers around the world and Orbock Miller’s experience in assessing how changes in land use will impact river systems and contaminant dispersal.

“Understanding how rivers may change as a result of changing land-use or climate change is a vital part of doing site assessments,” said Orbock Miller, who is also a science teacher at Tuscola High School in Waynesville.

Specific remediation projects explored in the text include some based in Western North Carolina as well as the Rio Puerco in New Mexico, the Carson River in Nevada, the Rio Pilcomayo and Rio Tupiza in Bolivia, the Essequibo and Mazaruni rivers in Guyana and the Amazon River in Brazil.

—By TERESA KILLIAN

Geology Faculty and Students Present at Regional Meeting

Geology students and faculty presented research findings recently at the 56th Annual Meeting of the Southeastern Section of the Geological Society of America in Savannah, Ga.

David Kinner, assistant professor of geology; Ben Tanner, assistant professor of geology; and Rob Young, associate professor of geology, co-authored a poster about river cane research in Western North Carolina that was presented by students Katie McDowell and Adam Griffith.

Blair Tormey, visiting instructor of geosci-

ences and natural resource management, worked with students Laura Duncan and Ryan LeBlanc, who presented research related to climate change from work done on San Salvador Island, Bahamas.

In addition, Tormey, Cheryl Waters-Tormey, assistant professor of geology, and Steve Yurkovich, professor of geology, co-authored oral presentations at the meeting highlighting their ongoing research. Tormey presented about Holocene sea level

history from Bermuda and the Bahamas; Waters-Tormey talked about tectonic events recorded in rocks of central Australia and their implications for interpretation of high-grade tectonic events in the North Carolina Blue Ridge; and Yurkovich addressed how amphibolite and ultramafic rocks point to petrogenetic and tectonic diversity in the Cartoogechaye Terrane of Western North Carolina.

“Get Help, Get Fit” Gets Rave Reviews from Participants

The two staff members selected to participate in the “Get Help, Get Fit” program this semester say they are sleeping better, have more energy and feel more fit than they did a few months ago.

The Fitness Center selected two staff and faculty members to participate in its Get Help, Get Fit program with free access this semester, group-exercise classes, goal-setting consultations, monthly fitness assessments, weekly meetings with a personal trainer, a personalized exercise program and a membership to Western Walks.

Kellie Angelo Monteith, director of the Fitness Center, and Shauna Sage, assistant director of the Fitness Center, developed personalized exercise programs and volunteered as personal trainers for participants Josie Bewsey, study-abroad assistant with international programs and services, and Steve Rice, resident director for Albright-Benton.

Bewsey said she has, through the program, established a fitness regimen that includes more walking and workouts at the Fitness Center. Even during a recent vacation, she walked 6 miles daily on the beach.

“I have to work workouts in, and make it a priority for myself,” Bewsey said. “I do best when I actually schedule them in my day using my Microsoft Outlook calendar. When I do, I have more energy.”

Rice, resident director of Albright-Benton, said he is getting stronger, and, along the way, has lost 14 pounds.

“I have more energy, so I no longer get tired during the day,” he said. “I also have developed a greater appreciation for fitness and the importance of persistence. Not every day is perfect, but slow and steady wins the race.”

—By TERESA KILLIAN

Faculty Write and Collaborate To Support Web Site Redesign

Visiting English instructor Eric Hendrix has learned a lot while developing content for the Web pages he is helping revamp as part of Western's new "look and feel" online.

As one of five English department faculty members hired during the spring semester to apply their writing talents to the university-wide Web redesign project, Hendrix has learned what other university departments do to excel and to educate students. He's learned about Web-site architecture. He also learned he needs a better office chair.

"There is a lot of computer face time," said Hendrix.

Last October, the Web Services team rolled out top-level pages for WCU's Web site with a new design and implemented a new content management system, which is used to create, modify, organize and update Web sites.

Based on admission and recruitment needs, Provost Kyle Carter established priorities for which university Web pages would be brought into the design next and allocated money to hire the faculty Web writers.

The Web Services team trained Hendrix, Associate Professor Mary Adams and visiting instructors Jacob Babb, Leah Hampton and Murat Yazan in the organization, style and type of content needed.

They began researching information for college-level pages, the art and design department, the entrepreneurship program, the forensic anthropology program, the nursing department, and the teacher education program.

The behind-the-scenes work is more extensive than what ultimately will appear on the bright, easy-to-read pages scheduled to go live by this fall.

Yazan said pages for the Department of Art and Design, in its 19th draft form, were a product of more than 114 files and 33 folders.

"Right now, it is nearly 150 pages long," he said.

But Hampton said the research—though time-consuming—is what makes the project interesting.

"To truly represent a department on its Web site, we as Web writers have to have rather deep conversations with faculty," said Hampton. "Even for the most organized and current educator, it's difficult to rethink and reconceive what is most important about your department, then convey that information in a way that is user-friendly but doesn't sound like a cheap sales pitch."

The Office of Web Services has created a content style guide and a "how to" manual for WCU's Web managers as they begin using the new content management system to keep WCU sites up-to-date.

In addition to the faculty writers, the Web services team—Director Newt Smith, Web Developer Jed Tate and Web Editor Amy P. Walker—are being assisted on a part-time basis by Hunter Library Webmaster Melissa Young.

"It takes a village to revamp an existing Web site," said Hendrix.

Smith said having the help of these faculty writers has helped the Web services team tremendously.

"We were faced with revising and rewriting a huge number of pages and did not know how we would get all the academic departments completed by fall, which was our plan," Smith said. "The great thing about having this group of English faculty is that we could count on their writing skills and research skills even though Web writing forced them to take a different organizational approach. The best thing is they are a fun group to work with."

For more information, contact Newton Smith, director of Web Services, at 828-227-2411 or smithn@email.wcu.edu.

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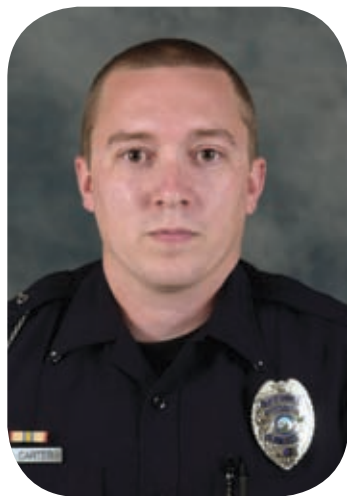
Check It Out

To learn more about the WCU Web site redesign project and content management system, visit <http://www.wcu.edu/it/webredesign/>.

Newsfile

- The Community College Enterprise: A Journal of Research and Practice has accepted for publication "Preparing Rural Community College Professionals: A Case Study," an article co-authored by educational leadership and foundations faculty **Mitchell Williams**, assistant professor, and **Kevin Pennington**, associate professor; **Michael Dougherty**, dean of the College of Education and Allied Professions; and Gene Couch, vice president for instruction at Southwestern Community College.
- Community Development Journal, a publication of Oxford University Press, published "An Analysis of Citizen Participation in Anti-Poverty Programmes" by **Glenn Bowen**, director of service learning.
- An article authored by **Ronald Mau**, assistant professor of construction management, titled "Ambiguity, Rules and Asset Prices: The College Football Wagering Market" has been accepted to be presented at Economica journal's specialty conference on the economic and financial implications of the growth of gambling and prediction markets.
- Newly elected or re-elected members of WCU Staff Forum are **Lauren Bishop**, energy manager in Facilities Management; **Nancy Carden**, administrative support associate in the Provost's Office; **Colby Deitz**, assistant in the IT Service Center; **Lisa Frady**, academic adviser in the Advising and Student Success Center; **Akum Jamir**, manager for the college technology support analyst team; **Teresa Killian**, writer/editor in the Office of News Services; **Deborah Lovern**, accountant in Administration and Finance; and **Cindy Nicholson**, associate director of purchasing.
- **Sue Swanger**, director of the Master's Degree Program in Accountancy, won the 2007 Outstanding Educator Award from the N.C. Association of Certified Public Accountants.
- **Don Connelly**, director of the Broadcasting Program, was recognized at the Broadcast Education Association Convention Festival of Media Arts in Las Vegas with the "Award of Excellence" in the faculty audio competition for a radio promotional announcement. Connelly's award-winning announcement about radio reception in the Great Smoky Mountains featured **Stephen Ayers**, associate professor of theatre arts, as the voice of "Mr. Radio." Connelly, **Pat Acheson**, director of studio operations; and nine WCU seniors participated in the national conference.

Officer Wins Life-Saving Award



Robbie Carter

The University Police Department recently awarded Robbie Carter, a law enforcement officer, its life-saving award for his assistance at an off-campus traffic crash during the spring semester. Carter received a red-and-white ribbon bar to wear on his uniforms and a red-and-white life-saving medal.

The award, part of a new awards program, honors Carter for aiding the Jackson County Sheriff's Office in responding to a traffic crash reported on Old Cullowhee Road. A vehicle had crashed into the Tuckaseegee River, and Carter, in swiftwater rescue gear, entered the water, broke a window of the vehicle and cared for the injured person inside until additional emergency responders arrived.

Reporter Calendar

June 4–July 8

Tuesday, June 5

American Red Cross Blood Drive—appointments available. 10 a.m.–2:30 p.m. UC. (828-258-3888, x137 or 800-728-9817, x137)

Summer Concert Series—indie recording artist Chris Cauley, "Southern soul." Rain location, Club Illusions. 7 p.m. Lawn, UC. (227-7206)

Thursday, June 7

Summer Concert Series—singer-songwriter Tom Fisch, acoustic blend of traditional folk and country music. 7 p.m. Lawn, UC. (227-7206)

Monday, June 11–Friday, June 15

Monday, June 18–Friday, June 22

Tiny Tot Swim Program—ages 6 months–5 years \$. 5:15–7 p.m. Breeze Gym. (227-7397)

Monday, June 11–Friday, June 29

Monday, July 2–Friday, July 20

Youth Swim Program—ages 6 and older, beginner through advanced. \$. 8:45–11:30 a.m. (227-7397)

Tuesday, June 12

Summer Concert Series—Tad Dreis, folk-story songs. 7 p.m. Lawn, UC. (227-7206)

Thursday, June 14–Friday, June 15

Camp—volleyball day camp for grades 9–12; \$. (227-2390)

Thursday, June 14

Symposium—"From Making Connections to Making Commitments: Improving Pedagogy, Engaging Students, and Building Communities," third annual Service Learning forum. Lead presenter, Richard Battistoni, professor of political science and public service, Providence College. 9 a.m.–4 p.m. UC. (227-7184)

Visiting artist presentation—Caitlin Perkins, Philadelphia-based artist-in-residence. 10:30 a.m.–noon. Room 223, FAPAC. (227-7210)

Summer Concert Series—CX-1, progressive roots fusion. 7 p.m. Lawn, UC. (227-7206)

Friday, June 15 & Tuesday, July 3

Orientation—sessions for transfer students. (227-7087)

Saturday, June 16

Sizzlin' Summer Shorts Series—"The Johnny Counterfit Show," comedian, celebrity impressionist, and country music recording artist. \$. 7:30 p.m. FAPAC. (227-2479)

Sunday, June 17–Tuesday, June 19

Camp—girls' basketball individual camp for overnights grades 3–12 and commuters grades 2–12. \$. (227-2994)

Sunday, June 17–Saturday, June 23

Camp—Mountain Area Health Education Center Health Careers Summer Camp for underrepresented minority or economically disadvantaged rising seventh-through ninth-graders. \$. (227-7397)

Monday, June 18–Friday, June 22

Camp—Mountain Mysteries brings the heritage of Southern Appalachia alive for rising fourth- and fifth-graders. \$. 8:30 a.m.–noon. MHC. (227-7129)

Monday, June 18

Thursday, June 21–Friday, June 22

Monday, June 25–Tuesday, June 26

Thursday, June 28–Friday, June 29

Monday, July 2

Orientation—sessions for freshmen. (227-7087)

Tuesday, June 19

Summer Concert Series—Juniper, blend of traditional Celtic, alternative folk and Americana. 7 p.m. Lawn, UC. (227-7206)

Thursday, June 21

Summer Concert Series—Del Suggs, singer, songwriter and guitarist from the beaches of North Florida. 7 p.m. Lawn, UC. (227-7206)

Sunday, June 24–Wednesday, June 27

Camp—boys' basketball overnight camp for ages 4–12. day camp available. \$. (227-2020)

Sunday, June 24–Friday, June 29

Mountain Dulcimer Week—classes for all ages, skill levels. \$. (227-7397)

Monday, June 25

Mountain Dulcimer Week concert—featuring Don Pedi and Norris Bennett, Linda Brockinton, Mark Gilston, Paul Andry, Karen Mueller, Larry Conger and Lois Hornbostel. \$. 7:30 p.m. HA. (227-7397)

Tuesday, June 26–Thursday, June 28

Camp—Mini-Camp for Middle Schoolers allows rising sixth- and seventh-graders to explore Cherokee heritage. \$. 8:30 a.m.–noon. MHC. (227-7129)

Tuesday, June 26

Summer Concert Series—Austin Willacy, angst-ridden acoustic music. 7 p.m. Lawn, UC. (227-7206)

Mountain Dulcimer Week concert—featuring Alan Freeman, Susan Boyer Haley, Betty Smith, Kenneth Bloom, Mike Anderson, Bill Taylor, Phyllis and Jim Gaskins, and Anne Lough. \$. 7:30 p.m. HA. (227-7397)

Wednesday, June 27

Visiting artist presentation—professional development lecture by Jason Pierson, MFA, small-business consultant. 10:30 a.m.–noon. Room 223, FAPAC. (227-7210)

Luncheon—annual SPA Service Awards Luncheon and Program honoring employees with service in increments of five years and retirees from the past fiscal year. \$. Noon. Grandroom, UC. (227-3139)

Mountain Dulcimer Week concert—featuring Aaron O'Rourke, Steven K. Smith, Joe and Marie Shelton, Terry Lewis, Joel Paul and Sarah Borders. \$. 7:30 p.m. HA. (227-7397)

Friday, June 29

Visiting artist presentation—Ro Lohin, owner of a gallery in New York City. 10:30 a.m.–noon. Room 223, FAPAC. (227-7210)

KEY: \$—Admission fee; BB—Belk Building; CAC—Catamount Athletic Center; CAT—Center for Applied Technology; CCB—Cordelia Camp Building; CSC—Catamount Softball Complex; FAPAC—Fine and Performing Arts Center; HA—Hoey Auditorium; HFR—H.F. Robinson Administration Building; HS/CF—Hennon Stadium/Childress Field; MHC—Mountain Heritage Center; NSA—Natural Sciences Auditorium; RH—Recital Hall, Coulter Building; RRAC—Ramsey Regional Activity Center; UC—A.K. Hinds University Center; WS/BW—Whitmire Stadium/Bob Waters Field.

Submissions: Send news items and calendar notices to WCU Calendar, 1601 Ramsey Center, Western Carolina University, Cullowhee, NC 28723 or e-mail to: Reporter@email.wcu.edu. Submit items for the university's online calendar at least one week prior to the event.

Lunch and ceremony—official naming of WCU School of Art and Design. Noon. Courtyard, Fine Art Museum. (227-7210)

Wednesday, July 4

Holiday—Independence Day; university closed.

Thursday, July 5–Friday, August 3

Summer school—second five-week session. (227-7397)

Saturday, July 7

Sizzlin' Summer Shorts Series—"Avner the Eccentric," Broadway clown, mime and master of the art of physical comedy. \$. 7:30 p.m. FAPAC. (227-2479)

Exhibits

Mountain Heritage Center

Gallery A:

"Migration of the Scotch-Irish People." Includes text panels, illustrations, artifacts and vibrant murals that trace the Scotch-Irish Appalachian settlers from Ulster to Pennsylvania, through the Shenandoah Valley, and into Western North Carolina. Permanent exhibit.

Gallery B:

"Bartram's Journey: The 1775 Journey of William Bartram to Western North Carolina." Celebrates the 18th century botanist William Bartram and his exploration in the mountains of Western North Carolina. Through Aug. 20.

Gallery C:

"After the War: Conflict and Domestic Change in the North Carolina Mountains." Portrays how wars and their aftermath have shaped the lives of people and communities in Western North Carolina. Through December.

Mountain Heritage Center hours:

8 a.m.–5 p.m. Monday–Friday, Sunday 2–5 p.m. (227-7129 or www.wcu.edu/mhc)

Fine Art Museum, Fine and Performing Arts Center

"WORLDVIEWS." Selections from Western Carolina University's Permanent Collection and New Acquisitions. Continuing exhibit.

Fine Art Museum hours: Tuesday–Thursday, 11 a.m.–6 p.m.; Friday, 11 a.m.–4 p.m.; first Saturday each month, 1–4 p.m. Donations appreciated. (227-3591 or <http://fapac.wcu.edu>)

SLIDESHOW SPOTLIGHT FOR JUNE, MOUNTAIN

HERITAGE CENTER: "Irons in the Fire" portrays the role of blacksmithing in pioneer and Cherokee culture in the Southern Appalachians.

SLIDESHOW SPOTLIGHT FOR JULY, MOUNTAIN

HERITAGE CENTER: "Islands in the Clouds" tells the story of the Blue Ridge Parkway from its Depression-era origin to its current popularity as a tourist highway